GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MAOISTS ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the maoist activities have increased in various parts of the country, particularly in the border areas adjoining Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up this issue with the Government of Nepal;

(d) if so, the response of the Nepalese Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check the proliferation of maoists activities in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) India-Nepal have an open border and visa free regime. There are no restrictions on movement of both nationals across the border. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has been deployed along the Indo-Nepal border. There are no reports confirming Nepali Maoist activity in the Indian States bordering Nepal.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.

(e) SSB has been assigned the responsibility of guarding the 1751 Km long Indo-Nepal border covering the States of Uttarakhand, UP, Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim. SSB has established 387 Border Observation Posts (BOP) along the Indo-Nepal border. The BOP personnel undertake regular patrolling and lay naka/ambushes to check such activities. SSB, also, has an intelligence network and the inputs received are developed and shared with sister agencies deployed in the area and the concerned State Government authorities.
India and Nepal have various bilateral mechanisms to address the issues of mutual security.